

The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City Ts of Houston, TX

A MODEL T 'WHISTLE STOP' BREAKFAST

or

THE 'WHISKEY WAGON' RIDES AGAIN

By Bill Severn

The Northern Division of the Space City Ts decided to gather up some Model Ts and have a breakfast at the Whistle Stop Café in Conroe on Friday, April 12, 2024.

Weather was forecast to be good, so let's get out as many Ts as possible. Mike Schlitzkus would have a long drive in his 'yet to be tested' 1915, so he opted to drive a modern car (probably a good choice).

From north of Conroe, Denny Irvine would drive his '26 T Pickup. From south of the Whistle Stop, Steve Havemann was going to bring his beautiful '22 Touring, and I would drive my '16 Touring.

Then I got to thinking about the Willis tour a year earlier. I'm sure you remember the "Blow Out Willis" tour with Peter Adey's 1914 Whiskey Wagon. Here is a photo from that tour showing Peters 'blow out'.



Since I had not heard from Peter Adey in a long time (he and his wife live here for 6 months and in Oregon for 6 months each year), I gave Peter a call to see if he was in town and if he would like to go to breakfast. Peter said he was up for it and would drive his '14 'Whiskey Wagon'. So, we were going to have four cars at breakfast.

Editor's Note: See Peters article on page 2 for the origin of Bills nickname the 'Whiskey Wagon'.

On Friday morning, Peter and I met at a local gas station, and off we went. We stayed on the I-45 service road going north to the Whistle Stop Café. Peter's pickup got a lot of attention on the way north.

Great food and great friends at the table for breakfast. Left to right: Steve Havemann, Bill Severn, Mike Schlitzkus, Peter Adey and Denny Irvine. T men to the core!



After breakfast and conversation, it was outside to line up the Ts and snap a photo.



Will we do this again; count on it. It's way too much fun to not do again. This is the kind of thing that Model T folks from all around Houston should do. Get together and take a drive.

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THE 'WHISKEY WAGON'

By Peter Adey

These time machines have deep roots. My 1914 Model T Runabout was owned for decades by a farmer in Nebraska. The story goes that he converted it into a pickup for use on the farm. Being that Nebraska is corn country, and this was the 1920's after all, I figured there must have been some good old fashioned corn whiskey flowing at some time in her past life! So, I decided to honor her past. The bed needed some new maple boards and lots of refinishing. She was painted green somewhere along the way, and I touched all that up too.



That completed, I added a wine barrel to cover the galvanized gas tank that the farmer had moved into the pickup bed.



That is when I got the brilliant idea to add a stack of whiskey barrels to really finish her off. You can find anything on E-bay!

I really wanted to accentuate the brass on the car, so I finished the barrels by painting the hoops black and used brass screws and finishing washers for the final look.



I made a mount from oak 1X4's with brass rods from ceiling fan down rods.



To pay homage to my misspent youth I added Grateful Dead detailing to the barrels.



Bill Severn gets credited at naming her the Whiskey Wagon – fitting for sure.



At the April 2024 Space City Ts of Houston, TX monthly meeting, Dave Lucas received the coveted 'President's Gavel Award' from David Carter for his distinguished service as club President from 2018 to 2023.

To make a gift to support the Model T Museum, [click here](#) or go here: www.MTFCA.com

28th Annual Keels & Wheels Concours D' Elegance at Lakewood Yacht Club



We look forward to your visit, whether you are an Entrant, a Sponsor or just enjoying the show, we welcome you! The show is Saturday, May 4, 2024, and Sunday, May 5, 2024, at the Lakewood Yacht Club with the City of Seabrook as our Event Partner & Host City.

Please review [our site](#) for information to attend, to become a sponsor, to enter your automobile or boat and more. Please [contact us](#) with any questions. Keels & Wheels is the largest classic car and antique boat show in the United States. This event draws thousands of visitors and participants from around the country who enjoy the over 200 cars and boats exhibited each year. Keels and Wheels is dedicated to the preservation and recognition of antique, classic, vintage, collectable, and prestigious automobiles, boats, and other vehicles.

Featuring: 60 Years of Ford Mustang and 60 Years of Donzi Boats

CAFFEINE AND CHROME – GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS OF HOUSTON

May 25, 2024 9am - 12pm



The weather is warming up and car show season is springing into high gear. Join Gateway Classic Cars at one of our 20 showrooms in celebration of 25 years in business on May 25, 2024 from 9am-12pm. Cruise in with your classic, bring the family, including the furry ones, enjoy pastries and coffee while supplies last. There will be special awards given out for Best in Show.

All makes and models are welcome, with plenty of parking space.

This is a family and pet friendly event. See you there.

Sponsor: [Gateway Classic Cars of Houston](#)

When: May 25, 2024 9am - 12pm

Location:

1910 Cypress Station Drive Suite 200

Houston, TX 77090

Cost: Free

To Register: [Click here for more information](#) or call Marketing at 618-271-3000 or [e-mail us](#)



The George Ranch would like to invite The Space City T's to come out and show their cars for the following dates:

June 15th is our tribute to Father's Day: 8:30am- 4:30pm located at the 1930's George Ranch House. The car show will be a surprise to the fathers that come to see The George Ranch and for the groups taking a survival class at the 1830's.

November 15th-16th our biggest event out of the year called Frontier Days!!

Frontier Days consists of battle re-enactments, live entertainment, cowboys, games, historic home tours, vendors and food. We would like to have Model T's included as well.

Friday November 15th: 8am- 2pm located at the 1930's George Ranch House consist of lots of schools.

Saturday November 16th : 8am-5pm located at the 1930's George Ranch House will be open to the public

Plan on coming to show your Model T or for more information please contact:

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The George Ranch

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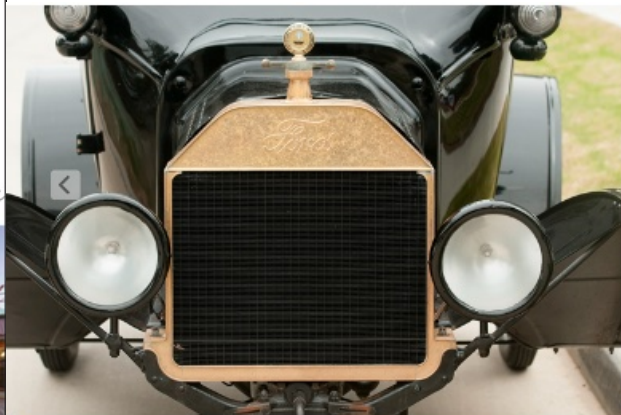
2024 Texas T Party

Kerrville, Texas

October 16 – 19, 2024

<https://www.innofthehills.com/>

1-830-895-5000



FOUR DAYS OF HILL COUNTRY FUN

VISIT THE Y O RANCH

Inn of the Hills Texas T Party rate **\$109.00** per night + tax

Inn of the Hills is a **No Pets** Hotel

Pet Friendly Alternative Hotels

LaQuinta Inn and Suites

1940 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, TX 77028

1-830-896-9200

Hampton Inn Kerrville

2038 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, TX 77028

1-830-257-0600

Best Western Sunday House Inn

2124 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, TX 77028

1-830-896-1313

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47th Annual TEXAS "T" Party Registration Form
 Kerrville, Texas
 October 16th - October 19th, 2024



Please Return Completed Form and Payment by August 31, 2024

Registrant Driver's Name: _____ DOB: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ Shirt Size: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Cell Phone #: _____ Home Phone #: _____
 Email address: _____
 T Year/Model: _____ Model T Club: _____
 Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

List Adult Passenger Names below:	List Youth Passengers below (12 and younger):

Are you trailering your Model T to host city? YES or NO (check one) Distance: _____
 Are you driving your Model T to host city? YES or NO (check one) Distance: _____

In Case of Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

Registration Fee	#	Fee	Total	
Car & Driver:		\$195.00		
Adult Passengers:		\$170.00		
Youth Passengers (12 and under):		\$0.00		
Extra Photo:		\$15.00		
Extra Tour Book:		\$15.00		
Dangles:		\$5.00		
Extra T-Shirts (1 Included):		\$20.00		Sm ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ 2X ___
Total Enclosed and due by August 31, 2024:				

Guest Tickets: Call for single day prices. If participating more than one day, full registration is required.

Refund Policy: If your plans change after you register, we will do our best to accommodate cancellations. However, many of our vendors base their pricing on a guaranteed minimum. We will make a full refund if you cancel by July 31, 2024. Refunds for cancellations after August 1, 2024, will be made on a prorated basis with funds available after the final accounting audit.

Photography and videography will be taken on the Annual Texas T Party tour. By virtue of your registration, you consent to the use of images and/or videos of yourself and your family members/guest by the Texas T Party and distribution to any publications.

The SPACE CITY T'S of Houston is a chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America and is a club interested in the preservation of Model T's. Many hours have gone into hosting this event. Registrants, by signing this registration form, agree to indemnify and hold THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston and each of its members harmless from all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of negligence of the Registrant, his agents or employees or passengers, and/or the ordinary negligence of THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston or any of its members. Registrant also certifies that his/her car is in road-worthy condition and meets all requirements of the registered state.

Registrant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: SPACE CITY T'S and mail to: William Severn 58 N. Dragonwood Place, The Woodlands, Texas 77381. If you have questions, call William Severn (936) 443-8006, Tim Grebe (936) 522-6997 or Beth Grebe (936) 537-2847.

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2024 Space City Club Officers and Board Members		
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New Members Wanted

Please visit our [Space City T's of Houston Texas web site](#). If interested in becoming a member, please provide your name, address, mobile phone, & email, and make a \$25 check payable to the:

Space City T's

Please mail your [information form](#) and check to the Treasurer at:

Craig Neuman
2302 Lord Nelson Drive
Seabrook, TX 77586

A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2024 dues!

The Space City T's Club is the Houston, Texas chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. All questions concerning membership, The Vintage Ford magazine, the MTFCA library, chapter insurance, purchase of manuals, back magazine issues, or store items can be directed to the following:

Model T Ford Club of America

309 N. 8th Street
Richmond, IN 47374-3034
Phone: 765-373-3106

Email: rachel@mtfca.com

\$50 annual dues includes six issues of the Vintage Ford
Join or Renew at: [MTFCA Join or Renew](#)

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Do you have something to share? A barn find, funny or not so funny Model T stories? Tour photos, or articles about Model T's? Your Model T acquisition stories, restoration photos or swap meet finds? A special interest article?

Please email ads, articles, [photos](#), [stories](#), [videos](#), or [links](#) to: topkick7@outlook.com

For Sale: 1929 Model A Boat-Tail Speedster



2016 Keels & Wheels photo

'Boat-Tail' is from two 1947 International pickup hoods, 4 cylinder Model A engine with Stromberg downdraft carburetor, & modern intake manifold, Kelsey 16" 'bent spoke' wheels, and rebuilt electrical system.

\$7995 OBO ([more photos](#))

Please leave message or email:

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FOR SALE

1925 DOCTORS COUPE



PRETTY RED WITH BLACK TRIM. SHE HAS A FEW NICKS BECAUSE I DRIVE HER. RUNS REALLY GOOD, POWERFUL, ENGINE DOES 45MPH WITH EASE. GARAGED, NO RUST. MOSTLY ORIGINAL, EXCEPT DISTRIBUTOR AND INSIDE KIT. HAS LEATHER AND WOOD PANELS. FOR MORE INFO ON ENGINE CALL ROSS AT LILLEKER AUTO. **\$12,000 OBO**
ROSEMARY STOKLEY
KATY, TX 1-832-444-9927

CLUB MEETING MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- May 8th – 7:00pm Zoom virtual meeting only
- June 12th – 7:30pm Face to Face at LifeBrook Church with Zoom and Demeris BBQ



**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

located at

**1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**



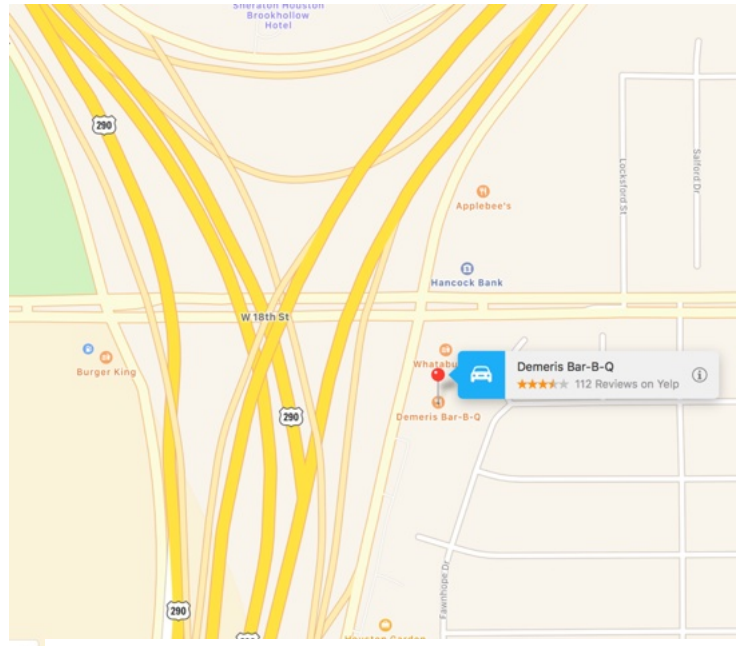
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

**Lifebrook Church
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights**

Website: www.spacecityts.org

Email: modelt@spacecityts.org



Directions to Demeris BBQ

From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be immediately on the right after Houston Garden Nursery.

From the west on Highway 290, exit at Mangum and turn right to 18th Street. At 18th, turn left, cross under West Loop and turn into the Whataburger parking lot on the right. Proceed to Demeris BBQ after the Whataburger.

From the north on I-45, take the 610 North Loop West around to the I-610 West Loop South to the Hempstead Highway exit. Make a U-turn under I-610 and proceed north on the frontage road to just before 18th Street, Demeris BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.



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